MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Can the Government say how long it was there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Appointment of members of depressed classes in the P. W. Department.

144. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of members of the depressed classes employed in the P. W. Department during 1100 to 1104;

(*b*) the number of applications received from the members of the depressed classes during the years 1100 to 1104; and

(*c*) the number of members of the depressed classes who were appointed during the years 1100 to 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*). A statement * showing the appointment of members of depressed classes in the P. W. Department during the years 1100-1104, is laid on the table.

Appointment of a Commissioner for enquiry into Laws' Delays.

145. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action they have taken with regard to the proposal to appoint a Commissioner for enquiry into Laws' Delays in Travancore;

(*b*) why the matter was pending so long without any definite action being taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the delay is due to the difficulty of selecting a proper person to be appointed as the Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Provision on account of the Commissioner for enquiry into Laws' Delays in Civil Courts and the necessary staff, has been made in the budget for 1105.

(*b*) Definite action is being taken.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, may I know the six months' history of the "definite action" taken on the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are various stages in the consideration of the question. It was always under consideration. The subject matter was engaging Government's attention.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The answer is that action was being taken—

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): *Is* being taken.

* *Vide* Appendix X—page 392.

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Appendix X.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 144.**

Statement showing the appointment of members of depressed classes in the P. W. Department.

Years.	(*a*) Number of members of the depressed classes employed in the P. W. D. during 1100 to 1104.	(*b*) Number of applications received from the members of the depressed classes during 1100 to 1104.	(*c*) Number of members of the depressed classes who were appointed during the years 1100 to 1104.
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1102	...	6	...
1103	2	4	2
1104	2	10	2
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